

## Nursing Echoes.

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The Society of American Women in London — a society which includes the most intellectual Americans resident in Great Britain — are hoping at an early date to receive the British Delegates who attended the International Congress at Buffalo at their beautiful rooms at "Prince's," when it is hoped that those able

to be present will give a report of the work accomplished at the Congress, and also of the present condition of professional nursing in the States.

This is a most kind and bright idea of our American cousins in London, and we feel sure that their invitation will be accepted with pleasure by the delegates who have returned from their travels. The Society also hopes to make arrangements for a certain number of members of all the nursing associations represented at Buffalo to be present. It is proposed that the function shall take place one afternoon at the end of November, and that after speeches tea and music shall be the order of the day. We hope to give full details next week.

The cowardly persecution of Miss Julian, the Matron of the Croydon Infirmary, persistently continues, by those officials and guardians who failed to compel her to sign certificates of efficiency for certain members of the nursing staff who, in her opinion, did not deserve them. For the past year Miss Julian has been subjected to a constant series of humiliations and personal attacks, which are calculated to break down the health, if not the spirit, of the bravest woman, and should her unscrupulous enemies succeed in their determination to hound her out of her position, we hope that the methods by which they accomplish their ends will receive a wide publicity in the press. Miss Julian is a Lady Consul of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and the fact that this so-called Nurses' Association has kept silence during the whole term of persecution, and has not once raised a voice of protest, or given her the slightest support, proves our contention of its worthlessness to nurses in their just interests. If the Executive has failed in its duty, it is not yet

too late for the Lady Consuls to combine in a protest to the Local Government Board.

Mr. Bratt, porter at the Walsall Workhouse, has just been appointed Master at the Uttoxeter Workhouse, and his wife, who was nurse in the Walsall Infirmary, has been appointed Matron. Mr. Bratt may have been, no doubt was, an admirable porter, but so long as the Local Government Board sanction the promotion of men of the porter stamp to the responsible position of workhouse master they need not be surprised at the difficulty they experience in obtaining the services of efficient nurses to work in poor law infirmaries. In the present instance the fact that the Matron is a nurse of the class willing to marry a porter will not, we imagine, make the position of nurse at the Uttoxeter Workhouse Infirmary an easy or desirable one.

At the last meeting of the West Derby Board of Guardians Dr. Davies took exception to the payment of £1 19s. for the conveyance of the nurses of the Mill Road Infirmary, Liverpool, to an "At Home" at the Town Hall. He hoped the Local Government Board would refuse the payment of the amount and surcharge the Guardians with it.

We agree with Dr. Davies. Ratepayers are a long-suffering class, but we see no reason why nurses should not pay the costs of their outings for themselves. It is open to them to refuse invitations which they cannot afford to accept, but they should not indulge in them at the public expense.

Under the auspices of the Irish Workhouse Association, a Conference on Poor Law Administration was held last week in Belfast. There was a large and representative attendance, and Lord Montegale was voted to the chair. Lady Montegale who has a wide knowledge of poor law administration, was also present. Among the Unions represented were Antrim, Omagh, Armagh, Lurgan, Newtownards, Dunfanaghy, Ballemena, Coleraine, and others. An interesting paper on the Treatment of the Epileptic and Insane was read by Alderman J. Wilson Rhodes, M.D., President of the Poor Law Unions Association of England and Wales, and Chairman of the Manchester and Chorlton Joint Asylum Committee, and the subject of Casuals and Able-bodied Tramps was discussed by Mr. William O'Hare, a member of the Belfast Poor Law Board.

The following circular letter has been issued from the Chief Secretary's Office in Sydney to the Committees of Management of those Hospitals subsidised by the State:—

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